GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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IDLE SPACE IN PRIME OFFICES
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Central Govt. keeps prime office spaces idle` appearing in the `Business Standard` dated September 25, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the mater reported therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that the considerable area of office space in different Bhavans of the Union Ministrieshas become idle due to disbanding of certain departments and shifting the offices etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to utilize such vacant spaces fruitfully?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Three buildings mentioned therein i.e. Sanchar Bhawan, Suchna Bhawan and SCOPE buildings are not under the adminstrative control of Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. As regards Lok Nayak Bhawan, 11 floors are hired by Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation and no office space is lying vacant in these floors, as reported.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. However, recently Intelligence Bureauhas vacated around 33,000 Sq. ft. of space at R.K. Puram which is under process of allotment.